



POLICY TITLE USE OF FARM POLLUTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE		NO. 12-01-01
<u>Legislative Authority</u> the Environmental Protection Act		
<u>Statement of Principles</u> This policy describes the use of the Farm Pollution Advisory Committee in investigating livestock-related pollution problems and assisting Regional staff in obtaining appropriate abatement through application of good farming practices. The procedures described in this policy are intended to be applied in livestock-related pollution problems as substitutes for procedures described in Sections 1.3-1.5 of Policy 05-02 Pollution Abatement Program: Development, Compliance and Enforcement.		
1. <u>Objectives</u>	The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance to Ministry staff on how to obtain and use the services of the Farm Pollution Advisory Committee.	
2. <u>Abatement Procedure For Livestock Related Pollution Problems</u>	Normally Regional staff attempt to resolve pollution problems through discussion with the farmer concerned, and obtain the advice and assistance in this from representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food.	
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<u>Point of Contact</u>		Director, Approvals Branch
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3. Use of Committee

When Regional staff have been unable to reach agreement with the farmer on a voluntary basis the Committee's advice should be sought with the concurrence of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

3.1 Mandatory Use

The advice of the Committee shall be obtained prior to issuing a Control Order to a farmer, or laying a charge against a farmer relating to pollution arising from livestock operations.

3.2 Exception

Whenever the Regional Director has reasonable and probable grounds for believing that obtaining the Committee's advice would unduly delay urgently needed corrective action, or would not contribute to a resolution, the Regional Director may refrain from seeking the Committee's advice.

3.3 Discretionary

None of the foregoing should prevent Regional staff from obtaining the Committee's advice whenever it might contribute to the resolution of a livestock related pollution problem.

4. Procedure

Regional staff will contact the chairman to activate the Committee's investigation when the Committee's advice is required.

5. Committee Report

The Committee shall forward its report on its investigation to the Minister of the Environment, and the Minister of Agriculture and Food. Copies shall be provided through the Ministry of the Environment for Regional Staff of both Ministries and for the farmer concerned.

6. Abatement Action

The Regional Director shall decide on appropriate abatement action after reviewing the report.